Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The bald eagle is our national bird and a symbol of freedom in our country; and,

Whereas, The story of the bald eagle is a model of an endangered species' success, where individuals, organizations, agencies, and many levels of government worked together to ensure its recovery; and,

Whereas, Natural resource management and efforts to conserve this state's threatened species benefit from an informed and involved public; and,

Whereas, Bald Eagle Awareness Days have been conducted in South Dakota since 1993, bringing an educational message about birds of prey to thousands of school-aged children and the public; and,

Whereas, The designation of Bald Eagle Awareness Week would expand the educational message in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Bald Eagle Awareness Days' Steering Committee desires to promote educational activities associated with bald eagles and other birds of prey in connection with Bald Eagle Awareness Week:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 22-27, 2016, as

BALD EAGLE AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State